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Applicant:

Otto Plank

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
A RIM HOLE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the official action dated August 14, 2001.
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is hereby respectfully solicited in
accordance with the following amendments and remarks in support.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 3 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) Method for producing a rim hole through a stack
of at least two plate-shaped work pieces using a rim hole punch, driven vertically
through the stack, wherein material of one of the plate-shaped work pieces, which
faces the rim hole punch, is pushed through an opening of another rear plate-shaped